

## ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

An illumination apparatus is disclosed, whose aperture portion can be made smaller while achieving miniaturization of the apparatus and higher condensing efficiency. The illumination apparatus comprising a light source, and a condensing unit that condenses light emitted from the light source toward the optical axis, wherein the condensing unit includes a negative lens portion that is arranged on a front side of the apparatus and has negative refractive power, a positive lens portion that is arranged near the optical axis and has positive refractive power, and a reflection portion that reflects emitted light that is not directed to the positive lens portion toward the optical axis.